

REMARKS

Receipt of the final rejection dated February 27, 2004 is acknowledged. Claims 5, 7, 8, 11-15 and 18-20 have been allowed. Claims 21-24 have been objected to. Claims 1-4, 6 and 9 have been rejected.

The formalities identified by the examiner in claims 21 and 22 have been corrected. Accordingly, claims 21-24 are now in allowable form.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 9 have been canceled.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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